



April 15, 2015

Item No. 11

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CHA BY-LAWS

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached Resolution entitled "Resolution Approving Amendments to the By-laws of the Chicago Housing Authority".

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendments to the By-Laws are essentially an update of the current By-Laws of the Authority and:

- reflect that one of the three additional resident Commissioner positions created as a result of amendments to the Housing Authorities Act, is selected from officers of the official tenant's association or residents,
- replace references to the "Chairman" with the term "Chairperson;"
- authorize the Chairperson to appoint from the Commissioners a Vice Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Commissioners;
- provide that the Chairperson's appointment of the Custodian and Keeper of Records shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioners;
- clarify the difference between Commissioners and officers of the Authority;
- provide the Board with flexibility in determining when to hold meetings; regular meetings of the Board may be held every month or every other month as determined by the Board at the beginning of each year;
- provide that the Commissioners may delegate to the chief executive officer, pursuant to resolution, the power to prescribe the duties of all officers and employees and fix their compensation;
- provide that all meetings of the Authority and its committees shall be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act;
- describe the requirements applicable to electronic attendance at meetings;
- provide for the adoption of rules governing public participation at meetings;
- provide that the Chairperson shall appoint all standing committees, with such duties and responsibilities as are prescribed by Authority resolution(s); and
- provide that the By-Laws shall be deemed to incorporate all applicable amendments to the Open Meetings Act and the Housing Authorities Act without further action of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-CHA-35

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

- WHEREAS,** Article VI of the By-Laws of the Chicago Housing Authority (“**Authority**”) provides that the By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a majority of the Commissioners at any regular or special meeting of the Authority if notice of the proposed alterations, amendment or repeal is contained in a written notice to the Commissioners not less than thirty days before such meeting date; and
- WHEREAS,** notice of proposed alterations, amendment or repeal was provided to the Commissioners on March 19, 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Authority to approve amendments to the By-Laws as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto; and to approve and adopt the By-Laws, as amended, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated in their entirety as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Approval of By-Laws. The amendments to the By-Laws of the Authority as set forth in Exhibit A are hereby approved, and said By-Laws in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B are hereby approved and adopted.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage as provided by law.



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